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**HOME SECURITY**

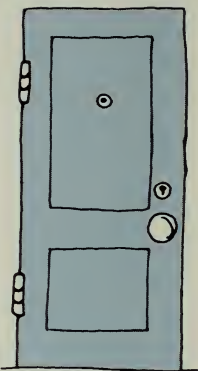


**Boston Police**

## Tips on Home Security

- Never open your door to strangers. Have a peephole device installed. Make persons properly identify themselves before allowing them to enter your home.

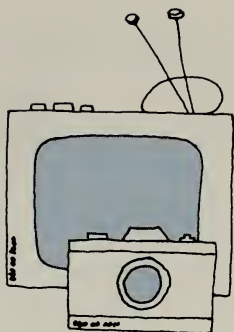
- Have adequate dead bolt locks installed on all exterior doors and use them.



- All exterior doors should have non-removable hinge pins.
- Beware of the many ruses used to gain entry to your home, e.g. having a child ask to use the bathroom, asking to use the telephone for emergency purposes.



- Participate in the Boston Police Department IDENT-I-GUARD program. Engrave your valuables.



- Install good lighting outside your house.



- Arrange to have a friend or neighbor cut the lawn and sweep or shovel the sidewalk when you are away from home for any length of time. Notify the Post Office to stop your mail deliveries. Have your neighbor pick up any circulars that gather. Stop newspaper deliveries.
- If you arrive home and find that your home has been broken into — DON'T go in. The intruder may still be inside. Go to a nearby neighbor and call the Police.

- Know your emergency telephone number for Police, Fire, and Medical assistance — 911.



- Be alert in protecting your neighbor's home as well as your own. Note registration numbers of suspicious vehicles in the area and report them to police.

- Separate your house keys from your car keys when leaving your car for service. Don't tag your keys with your name and address.



- Never hide your house keys outside your home, such as the top of the door frame, under the doormat or the flower pot, or any of the dozen places that the intruder knows.







## A Message from the Commissioner

As Commissioner of the Boston Police, I am intensely concerned for the safety and well-being of the people in this city. This booklet is intended to bring you security measures which can be taken to prevent home burglary.

I urge you to read this booklet carefully and adopt as many of the security measures as you can.

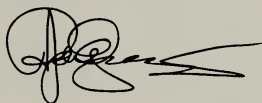
The residential burglar is an opportunist. He wants to gain entry quickly, quietly, without being seen and with as little effort as possible.

It is possible to take some simple precautionary measures which will make the burglar's task as difficult and frustrating as possible.

Deter a potential burglar by joining the Ident-I-Guard program. Delay him by placing as many obstacles, such as good locks, in his way. And deny him opportunity by not keeping large sums of money in your home.

I further urge you to be watchful for the safety of your neighbors. If you see a crime being committed, or even persons acting in a suspicious manner, call 911 and report it. You can do this without giving your name if you choose.

If we, the police, and you, the public, can present a united front against the criminal element in our society, we can stem the tide of crime in our city.



# Dial 911

Be the eyes and ears of the Police.

Help stop crime by reporting it.

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